

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 90-815-C - ORDER NO. 91-235 ✓

MARCH 28, 1991

IN RE: Request of Southern Bell Telephone)
and Telegraph Company for Approval) ORDER DENYING
of Revisions to its General) MOTION FOR
Subscriber Service Tariff) CONTINUANCE

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the motion of the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) for a continuance in the above-referenced docket. The Consumer Advocate contends that in filing revisions to its General Subscriber Service Tariff, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) is introducing a number of new or newly unbundled network services which are similar to Caller ID.¹ The Consumer Advocate seeks a continuance of the scheduled hearing in this matter until such time as the South Carolina Supreme Court rules

1. Specifically, the Consumer Advocate contends Bulk Calling Line Identification, Simplified Desk Message Interface, and Automatic Number Identification are similar to Caller ID.

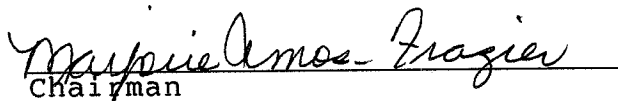
on the legality of Caller ID.²

Southern Bell opposes a continuance. Southern Bell agrees, however, that its Bulk Calling Line Identification ("BCLID") service is very similar to Caller ID and agrees that a postponement of that service is appropriate until the Caller ID issue is resolved.

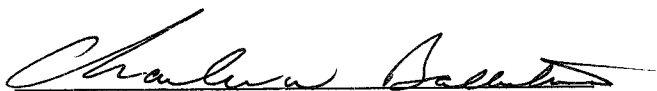
Upon consideration of the parties' positions, the Commission denies the motion for a continuance. Accordingly, the April 11th hearing in this matter will proceed as scheduled. However, because of the admitted similarity between Caller ID and Bulk Calling Line Identification, the Commission will postpone consideration of and any decision concerning the BCLID feature until such time as the South Carolina Supreme Court issues its opinion on Caller ID.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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2. The issue of the legality of caller identification is presently before the South Carolina Supreme Court in Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. v. Hamm, Civil Action No. 90-CP-40-2686.